

REMARKS

Claims 1, 11, 21-23 and 28-30 have been amended. Claims 1-30 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Section 101 Rejection:

In the Decision on Appeal of September 10, 2009, the Board raised a new ground of rejection of claims 1-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. However, to further prosecution of the present application, claims 1, 11, 21-23 and 28-30 have been amended. In particular independent claims 1 and 11 are now tied to a computer, and independent claim 21 now recites “a computer-readable storage medium storing program instructions that when executed by a computer cause the computer to implement” Withdrawal of the § 101 rejection is respectfully requested.

Since all other rejections were vacated by the Board, Applicants assert that the application is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If any extension of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) is necessary to prevent the above-referenced application from becoming abandoned, Applicants hereby petition for such an extension. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5181-64900/RCK.

Respectfully submitted,

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